

Make Holiday Travel Easy – Ride BART to the Airport

If you're planning a holiday trip or have guests coming in from out-of-town BART is the most reliable, least expensive and fastest way to travel to SFO or Oakland International Airports. This is one of the busiest travel times of the year. Don't get stuck in airport traffic or roll your luggage through miles of airport parking lots—take BART!

BART to the airport helps you avoid expensive taxis and shuttles. You can save even more by using BART's Airport/Long Term parking for just \$5 per day. Airport security measures have made it harder to pick up passengers. Take BART to the airport to meet your family or friends or pick them up at a BART station near your home. The online QuickPlanner at www.bart.gov helps you plan your airport trip quickly and easily.

SFO-bound BART trains take passengers directly to the International Terminal. From the BART station, you can easily access domestic terminals

with a short walk or a quick ride on SFO's free AirTrain shuttle. For Oakland International Airport, take BART to the Coliseum/Oakland Airport station and transfer to the convenient AirBART shuttle leaving for the airport every 10 minutes. For more information on BART airport service, visit www.bart.gov.



BART Unveils QuickPlanner for Apple iPod®

Riders can carry complete BART schedule and map with their music

BART is the first major transit agency in the nation to offer downloadable schedules and maps for Apple iPod®, the popular portable music player, including the new video iPod introduced by Apple last month.

The BART QuickPlanner for Apple iPod allows customers to look up train departure times, view a color version of the official BART system map and even download general station information. Customers will also have the option to receive automatic update notifications to ensure they always

have the most accurate schedule, map and station information.

The BART QuickPlanner for iPod continues BART's commitment to serving tech-savvy customers in the Bay Area.

Taken together with BART's QuickPlanners for Palm, Pocket PC and web-enabled mobile devices, no other transit agency in the nation offers more mobile trip planning options.

The BART QuickPlanner for Apple iPod and other QuickPlanners are offered free of charge at www.bart.gov.



Airport/Long Term Parking at BART

This holiday season, take advantage of BART's Airport/Long Term Parking. Save time, money and keep your stress level down by reserving a BART Airport/Long Term parking space before you fly and park for only \$5 per day!

Airport/Long Term parking is available at all East Bay BART parking lots, except West Oakland.

Purchasing an Airport/Long Term permit is easy. Visit www.bart.gov/parking, click Airport/Long Term Parking and follow the simple instructions. Then just print out the permit on your home or office printer and you're ready to go! Or you can call 877/700-7275 for assistance with your permit purchase.

Work Starts on 16th Street Plaza

BART broke ground last month on a project to renovate the Northeast Plaza at the 16th Street/Mission station. Work will begin this month with completion scheduled for next Fall.

The renovation will replace existing pavement, guard railings, lighting, tree wells and trash receptacles. New features include plaza seating, palm trees and artwork to complement the recently redone Southwest Plaza.

Cost of the project is \$3.9 million and will be paid by grants from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority.



GOOD TIMES

The Lamplighters' 40th Annual Champagne Gala

Saturday, Nov. 12, 8 p.m.:

Dean Lesh Regional Center for the Arts
1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, 925/943-7469

BART: Walnut Creek

Saturday, Nov. 19, 8 p.m.:

Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, 415/392-4400

BART: Civic Center

Writers from The Lamplighters write a new musical every year with a fresh plot line and fill it with contemporary San Francisco references. Champagne and sparkling cider flow after the final curtain as the audience toasts the cast.

Stephen Sondheim's "Follies"

San Francisco School of the Arts Main Stage
555 Portola Drive at O'Shaughnessy, SF
415/695-5720, www.sfsota-ptsa.org

BART: Glen Park, take inbound Muni 44-O'Shaughnessy (board across Bosworth St. from the BART station); short ride to Portola.

Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 17-19, 7:30 p.m.: San Francisco's acclaimed public arts high school presents the musical considered by many to be Sondheim's greatest work. Student performers work alongside cabaret professionals.

Randy Dixon: Dream Houses

OMCA Off-Site Exhibition

The Sculpture Court, 1111 Broadway, Oakland

BART: 12th Street/City Center

Through Nov. 16: The Oakland Museum of California off-site exhibition "Dream Houses" features mixed-media, architecturally inspired sculptures.

Missives

Theatre Rhinoceros, Mainstage Theatre

2926 16th St., San Francisco, 415/861-5079

BART: 16th Street

Through Nov. 26: In this world premiere of an exciting play by local talent Garret Jon Groenveld, the friendship between a gay white man and a straight African-American woman is put to the test by an unexpected act of violence.

Happy End

Woman's Will - All-Female Shakespeare Co.

Luka's Taproom & Lounge

2221 Broadway, Oakland

www.womanswill.org or 510/420-0813

BART: 19th Street

Through Dec. 4: This wacky German take on the American gangster genre gets the Woman's Will all-female treatment. Written by Bertolt Brecht, Kurt Weill and "Dorothy Lane" (Elizabeth Hauptmann), the musical incorporates Brecht's snappiest quips and Weill's finest music

2005 "Dance-Along Nutcracker: Lights! Camera! Dance!"

San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

701 Mission St., San Francisco

Tickets: 415/978-ARTS; information 415/255-1355 or www.sflgb.org

BART: Powell or Montgomery

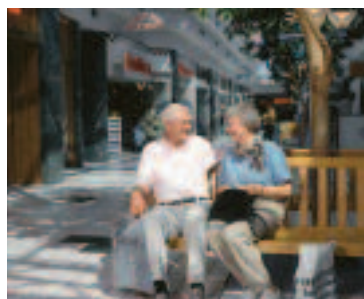
Saturday, Dec. 10, 2:30 and 7 p.m.; Sunday,

Dec. 11, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.: The people's

"Nutcracker" takes Tchaikovsky on a zany romp through Tinsel Town in a tribute to the music of the movies.

Take BART Holiday Shopping

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San Francisco's Union Square is just blocks from Powell Street Station, which is also directly downstairs from the San Francisco Centre shopping mall. The Galleria is a few steps from Montgomery Street Station and Embarcadero Center's many shops are just outside BART's Embarcadero Station.

Downtown Oakland's shopping district is served by both 19th Street Station and Oakland City Center/12th Street Station, which is downstairs from the Oakland City Center mall. Rockridge Station is in the heart of the Rockridge district on College Avenue at the Oakland/Berkeley border. Farther south, Bay Fair station opens onto Bayfair Mall.

For more information and a more complete listing of shopping venues and other fun places to go on BART, pick up a "BART Destinations Guide" at any BART station. To plan your trip, visit www.bart.gov.

Shop Arts and Crafts Open Studios via BART



More than 100 artists and craftspeople throughout Berkeley offer their works to the public during the 15th Annual Berkeley Artisans Holiday Open Studios on four weekends in November and December. Many of the studios on the self-guided tour are accessible from BART's Berkeley stations.

The studios are open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays on four weekends: Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18. A free map listing all participants may be downloaded at www.berkeleyartisans.com, or is available by mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Berkeley Artisans Map, 2547 Eighth St. #24A, Berkeley 94710. For other map distribution points, call 510/845-2612.

BART Lengthens Commute-Hour Trains

BART has begun giving riders additional room by adding more cars onto morning and evening commute trains.

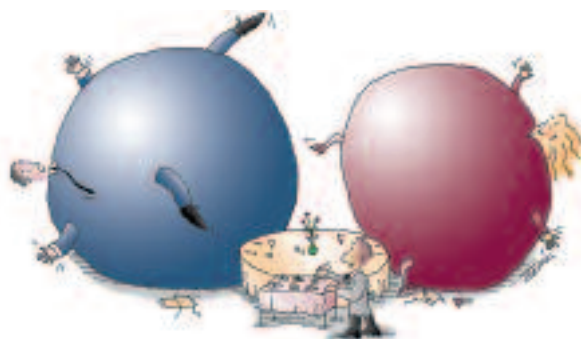
The combination of gas prices, Bay Bridge construction and gridlock has spurred ridership beyond what BART analysts had projected.

In September 2005, ridership was up 3 to 4 percent compared with September 2004. That means an average of about 15,000 more people took BART each weekday this September than last.

The ridership increase has prompted BART officials to lengthen

trains to ensure more room for passengers. Many trains now have one or two additional cars. During the rush period, trains vary in length from six to ten cars with the longer trains serving the highest demand areas and times.

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